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SUBJECT:TASS-UPI AGREEMENT FOR LENINGRAD AND SAN FRANCISCO
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1. UPI PRESIDENT BEATON INFORMED DEPT THAT UPI AND TASS
HAVE REACHED AGREEMENT ON COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENT FOR TASS
TO OPERATE IN SAN FRANCISCO WITH UPI ASSISTANCE, IN RETURN
FOR TASS ASSISTANCE TO UPI IN LENINGRAD. AGREEMENT
PROVIDES FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNICATIONS.

2. BEATON ALSO REPORTED HE HAS SELECTED CORRESPONDENT,
FYI EMIL SWEILIS, 12-YEAR UPI VETERAN RECENTLY STATIONED IN
SWEDEN WHO IS NOW IN U.S. ON HOME LEAVE. SWEILIS IS US
CITIZEN BORN IN US OF BALTIC BACKGROUND, AND, ACCORDING TO
BEATON, SPEAKS SOME RUSSIAN AND AT LEAST ONE BALTIC

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LANGUAGE. BEATON SAID UPI WILL SUBMIT VISA APPLICATION TO

SOVIET EMBASSY WASHINGTON IN NEAR FUTURE.

3. UNDER COMMUNICATIONS ARRANGEMENT AS DESCRIBED BY BEATON, UPI LENINGRAD WOULD HAVE LINK TO UPI EUROPEAN NETWORK THROUGH HELSINKI. UPI "A-WIRE," I.E., THE UPI TICKER, WOULD HAVE OUTLET IN LENINGRAD, AND UPI HOPES

TO SELL WIRE SERVICE TO FOREIGN CONSULATES IN LENINGRAD AS CURRENT NEWS SOURCE. UPI LENINGRAD WOULD ALSO HAVE CAPABILITY TO COMMUNICATE WITH UPI MOSCOW. COST WOULD BE PAID PARTLY IN FINNMARKS AND REST IN RUBLES.

4. APT, WHICH UPI MOSCOW REPORTEDLY INSPECTED, IS ULITSA NAKHIMOV 7, KV 85, ON VASILEVSKIY ISLAND. ACCORDING TO BEATON'S INFORMATION IT IS IN INTEGRATED COMPLEX IN WHICH SOVIETS, FOREIGN COMMERCIAL PERSONNEL AND DIPLOMATS RESIDE. ACCORDING TO BEATON SWEILIS WILL BE ACCOMPANIED TO LENINGRAD BY HIS WIFE AND TWO YOUNG CHILDREN OF EARLY PRIMARY SCHOOL AGE. HABIB

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